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### **Representatives Bielawa, Stripp Announce Homeland Security Grant for Redding**



HARTFORD-State Reps. Hank Bielawa, R-Redding, and John E. Stripp, R-Weston today announced the Town of Redding will receive a \$34,044 grant from the state's Homeland Security Grant Program. Of the grant, \$26,788 will be administered under the Homeland Security Local Share Distribution Program and the remaining \$7,256

will be used under the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program.

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) provides financial assistance directly to each of the states and territories to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. SHSP supports the

implementation of identified planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs. Projects that can be funded under the program include establishing communications systems between police and other first responders and training first responders to address chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) incidents.

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) provides law enforcement agencies with funds to support the following prevention activities: information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks; target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets; recognition and mapping of potential or developing threats; counter-terrorism and security planning; interoperable communications; and, interdiction of terrorists before they can execute a threat or intervention activities that prevent terrorists from executing a threat. These funds may be used for planning, organization, training, exercises, and equipment.

“To best protect residents, the town's first responders need updated equipment and training, said Rep. Bielawa, who also serves as a Redding volunteer firefighter. “This grant will help in that area, as well as prepare Redding for a number of emergencies.”

“Although towns like Redding, Easton or Weston are unlikely to be targeted by terrorists, we do live near the New York metropolitan area and could suffer collateral damage if a weapon of mass destruction were detonated in the city. As long as international terrorism remains a threat to the United States, New York City will continue to be one of its highest-priority targets. These grants will enable our emergency and public safety

agencies to obtain the training and equipment they need to minimize casualties and save lives in the event of a terrorist attack or a natural disaster,” Representative Stripp said.